

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 6 and 9-12 are allowed. Claims 7 and 8 are objected to. Claims 1-5 have been rejected. Claims 13-17 have been added. Claims 1-17 remain in the case for reconsideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new subject matter has been added.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 6 and 9-12 are allowed. Claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112.

***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101***

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 1-5 have been amended to specify a method for processing data and are therefore allowable under 35 U.S.C. 101.

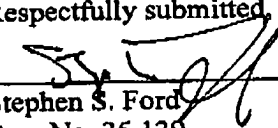
***Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 have been amended to overcome the rejection and are therefore allowable under 35 U.S.C. 112.

**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-17 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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